



Carol Kuntz Patchett serves as Second Vice President of the Commission. She was appointed by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Third District.

A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and UCLA Law School, Carol has been a criminal defense attorney (practicing under the name Carol Kuntz Lysaght) for over thirty years. She served as a deputy public defender in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office and the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Central District of California. Thereafter, in private practice she has continued to represent a largely indigent clientele in state and federal criminal proceedings, both in the trial and appellate courts, including the decades-long post-conviction representation of two California death row inmates.

Representing her clients -- many of whom lived for a time in juvenile halls and/or camps -- has convinced Commissioner Patchett of the critical role the Probation Department can and must play in supporting and rehabilitating young people who enter the juvenile justice system.

Carol is married to writer Tom Patchett and has two children, Benji -- a musician -- and Stephanie -- a writer.